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To require air carriers to provide training for flight attendants and gate attendants regarding serving alcohol, recognizing intoxicated passengers, and dealing with disruptive passengers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Airline Personnel
5 Training Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED TRAINING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 44730. Training of flight attendants and gate at-**
6 **tendants**

7 “(a) TRAINING REQUIRED.—In addition to other
8 training required under this chapter, each air carrier shall
9 provide initial and annual recurring training for flight at-
10 tendants and gate attendants employed or contracted by
11 such air carrier regarding—

12 “(1) serving alcohol to passengers;

13 “(2) recognizing intoxicated passengers; and

14 “(3) dealing with disruptive passengers.

15 “(b) SITUATIONAL TRAINING.—In carrying out the
16 training required under subsection (a), each air carrier
17 shall provide situational training to flight attendants and
18 gate attendants on the proper method for dealing with in-
19 toxicated passengers who act in a belligerent manner.

20 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) AIR CARRIER.—The term ‘air carrier’
22 means a person or commercial enterprise that has
23 been issued an air carrier operating certificate under
24 section 44705.

1 “(2) FLIGHT ATTENDANT.—The term ‘flight at-
 2 tendant’ has the meaning given the term in section
 3 44728(f).

4 “(3) GATE ATTENDANT.—The term ‘gate at-
 5 tendant’ means an individual working at an airport
 6 whose responsibilities include facilitating passenger
 7 access to commercial aircraft.

8 “(4) PASSENGER.—The term ‘passenger’ means
 9 an individual traveling on a commercial aircraft,
 10 from the time at which the individual arrives at the
 11 airport from which such aircraft departs until the
 12 time the individual leaves the airport to which such
 13 aircraft arrives.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 15 for chapter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is amend-
 16 ed by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 44730. Training of flight attendants and gate attendants.”.

17 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

18 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
 19 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall
 20 issue regulations to carry out section 44730 of title 49,
 21 United States Code, as added by section 2.

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